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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Masterly Budget

MR Butler's budget, for bidding in many respects, is nevertheless a masterpiece in compromise. No Chancellor of the Exchequer has demonstrated more dexterity in mixing a budget pill with blessings and tribulations. Mr Butler has shown no lack of courage or vision. Confronted with grim realities he has clearly striven to deal with them in a practical manner. He has kept in mind the primary task of ensuring Britain's solvency. This, inevitably, involves new impositions on the living standards of the nation. Those he has conceived are severe, but not to a point of being crippling. He offers compensations for hardships and new rewards for endeavour. It is a budget that goes a long way towards meeting the urgent requirements of the moment. If it makes the housewife shudder, it will also create a more solid confidence abroad in Britain's ability to raise herself from a financial morass. This is a time when the Pound Sterling overseas has to be made more important than the Pound Sterling at home.

MR Butler's proposals will not escape criticism. He may be accused of failing to spread sufficiently his demand for sacrifices in living conditions. It is the average household that is chiefly going to feel the drastic effects of the slash in subsidies, involving higher prices for essential foodstuffs. And it is not perfectly certain that additional allowances will wholly compensate for this drain on the family income. Nevertheless the cutting down of subsidies represents one of the most effective methods of saving on Government expenditure and merits justification on that score. Undoubtedly the Chancellor has used imagination and skill in his efforts to cushion the effects of higher living costs. New income allowances for single and married men, increased Government contributions to the maintenance of children, and an upward revision of old age pensions will mean assistance for those who principally need it. These are concessions that will meet with general approval.

THIS is a "save the Pound" budget, and few of its features have come as a big surprise. The decision to raise the bank rate to 4 per cent is drastic, but equally realistic. Further cuts in imports are unavoidable. The immediate necessity is to correct the adverse balance of payments and the Chancellor has not shied from adopting direct measures best calculated to bring about the nation's financial recovery. At home he has offered incentives for willing sacrifices and abroad he has invited a new and firmer confidence in Britain's resourcefulness. Mr Butler has, in fact, produced a budget of considerable distinction.

4 Communists Hanged

Singapore, Mar. 11. Four Chinese members of the Malayan Communist Party who had been convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of another Chinese who refused to work for the cause of Communism were hanged at Fening Prison today.

The four men, with two others, waylaid the victim and killed him to death. The Police exhumed the body on receipt of information from one of the six men involved in the murder, and subsequent investigation led to the arrest of the four. — United Press.

"NEW HOPE FOR BRITAIN?" BUDGET

Mr Butler Calls For Fresh Efforts To Save Country

London, Mar. 11. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard A. Butler, told the nation in a radio broadcast tonight that the new budget should give Britain new hope.

He stated that the budget should encourage the nation to make the great effort necessary to save the country.

He added that the budget did not seek to hide realities by letting the people think that things which were cheap had not to be dearly paid for by the state.

After announcing that the food subsidies had been reduced by almost half, Mr Butler pointed out that the disguise which masked the real cost of imported food had been removed.

Mr Butler stressed that the budget was fair as it provided for excess profit tax which companies would pay under present conditions.

The Chancellor said that the increase in the rate of bank interest should stimulate exports and help to assure maintenance of full employment.

Earthquake Cost Japan £10 Million

Tokyo, Mar. 12. Official estimates released here late on Tuesday placed losses in the earthquake and tidal waves which struck Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, on March 4 at more than 10,000 million yen (£10,000,000).

The figure does not include complete estimates of crop damage, which would not become available until late spring, when the snow covering most of Hokkaido now begins to melt.

The latest estimate of quake and tidal wave casualties was 555.

The casualties included 28 dead and six persons still missing.

The quake and waves destroyed or damaged more than 22,000 homes, schools, hospitals and other buildings for a total loss estimated at more than 4,500 million yen.

Damage to mining, marine products and agriculture accounted for the loss of nearly 3,300 million yen.

Roads, railroads, bridges, harbours, communications, waterworks and other public utilities suffered total damage estimated at nearly 2,000 million yen.

Prefectures in the Sanuki district, in the northern part of the Japanese mainland, suffered additional damage estimated at 350,000,000 yen. — Reuter.

A DAY OF TRAGEDIES

London, Mar. 11. Tragic deaths were reported from several parts of England today.

Four elderly people died in three fires. They were Mrs Alice Browning, aged 78, in her home at Plumstead, London; two brothers, James Kennedy, aged 73, and Daniel Kennedy, aged 75, at their home at Ballenay, County Londonderry; Miss Mary Harvey, aged 85, in her basement home at Notting Hill, London.

Two men were killed and another was critically injured when two lorries, one laden with bricks and the other with gravel, collided at Market Harborough. The two killed were the driver of the brick lorry and his mate.

A master at Winchster College, an exclusive school, found his 15-year-old son hanging from a bell rope in the College Chapel Tower.

The boy, who was reported missing last night, had climbed the 200 steps in the 300-foot high tower.

Six passengers in the Exeter to Waterloo express were injured by flying glass when an open door of a train from Waterloo to Basingstoke struck the express in passing near Clapham Junction, London. — Reuter.

Mr Butler concluded by saying that there was certain amount of unemployment in the Lancashire textile industry. He warned that the nation would be faced with more unemployment if the pound sterling were not saved.

The Chancellor said that everyone wished for something better than permanent austerity and to achieve that a great national effort was necessary.

It was also to stimulate such an effort that the Government had decided to introduce encouragement under the form of reductions on income tax. — Reuter.

SALES TAX CHANGES London, Mar. 11. Britain's decision to cut her imports from all sources by another £100,000,000 this year, a reduction of 10 per cent on 1951, announced today in the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard Butler, has already caused concern in some countries.

PEACE SERVICES — Higher charges for telephone rentals, parcel posts and telegrams.

Sports — Soccer and cricket spectators will pay a higher entertainment tax rate. — Reuter.

CAUSES CONCERN London, Mar. 11.

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This was shown in the following Reuter despatches.

Copenhagen: Some anxiety is expressed here over the possible repercussions of British import cuts on Danish exports, though the necessity for the cuts is fully understood.

Rome: Italian financial sources are critical of the new British import restrictions. They view them as a departure from the general principle of trade liberalisation. Import cuts on those cheeses not on the food ration in Britain will be severely felt. Trade sources say the Italian textile industry, already struggling with severe competition from France and from the revived German and Japanese mills, will be badly hit. Some Italian firms are working three days a week only because of lack of orders. — Reuter.

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE London, Mar. 11.

By far the biggest slice of Britain's 1952-53 budget expenditure will be on defence preparations totalling £1,348,000,000.

This takes more than one-third of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler's total of £4,150,000,000 — the figure which results from amending his original estimate of £4,240,000,000 in the light of his cuts in food subsidies and changes in the national health and pensions service.

The next biggest item is £865,000,000 on "other services" which covered food subsidies at £250,000,000 and the rest on nearly a dozen other headings varying from the biggest single item of £23,000,000 on "Commonwealth and foreign services" to "civil superannuation".

The health insurance and pensions service will cost £763,000,000 and helping local authorities with education, housing, Police, roads, fire-brigades and so on £501,000,000.

The other major item — £575,000,000 — goes on permanent charge on the national debt.

SOME EFFECTS

Here are some of the tax changes effects on the British citizen:

Family Allowances — The State will pay eight shillings a week instead of five shillings for each child in a family after the first.

Pensions — Totally disabled persons will get 10 shillings a week more, raising their pensions to 55 shillings. — War

Press.

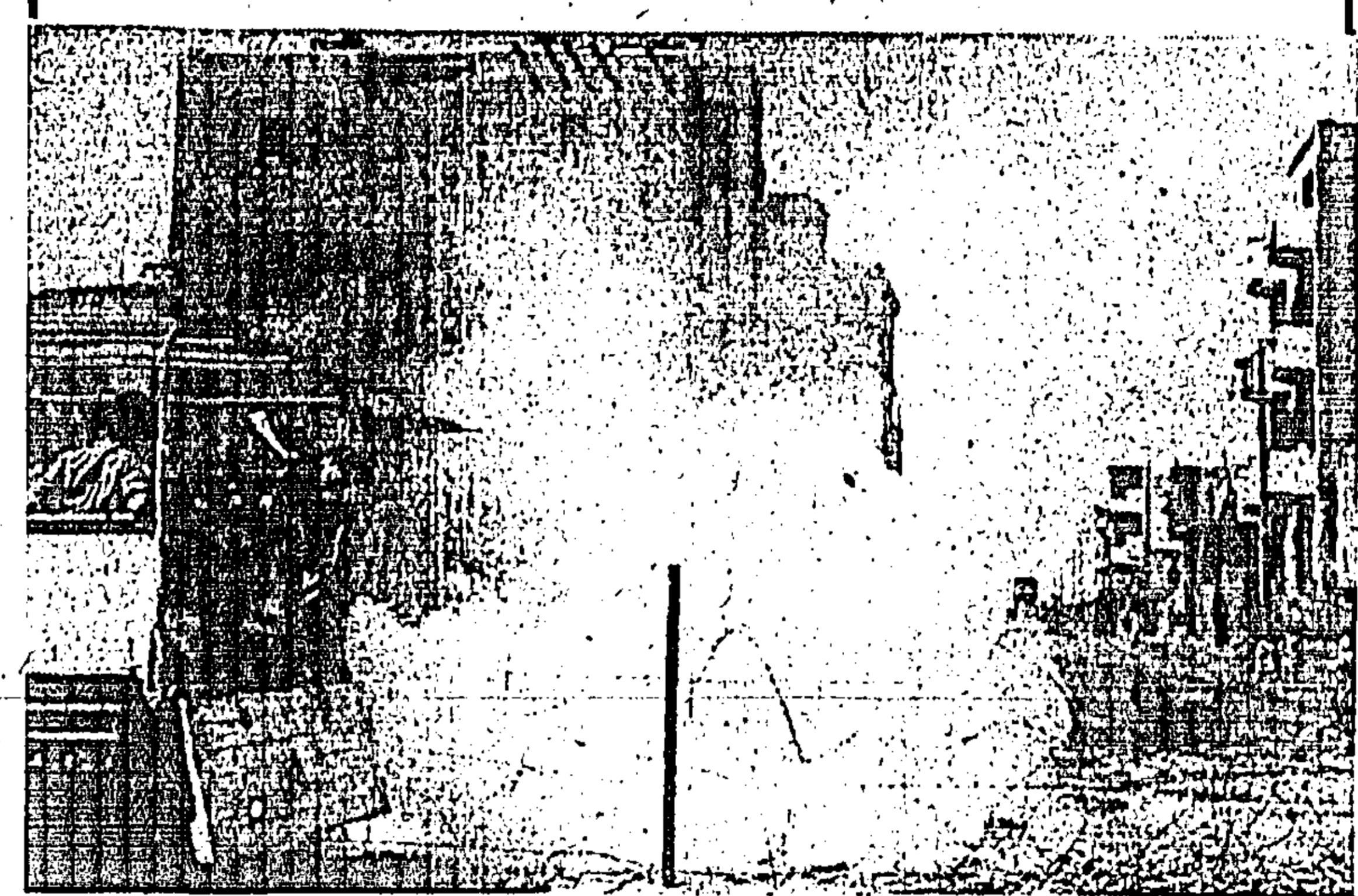
WAFFISTS DECIDE TO OPPOSE GOVT

Cairo, Mar. 11.

The Waffist Party today announced its decision to oppose the general policy of the present Government led by Neguib el Hilaly Pasha.

The decision was made known when results of deliberations of the Waffist Party Steering Committee under former Prime Minister Mustapha el Nahas Pasha were announced. — France Presse.

CLEARING ISMAILIA OF VERMIN



Pinay Wins Vote In Assembly

Paris, Mar. 11.

France's "Save the Franc" Premier, 60-year-old Moderate Conservative Antoine Pinay, tonight won by 293 votes to 101 a virtual vote of confidence in his Cabinet and policy.

Voting was on a Communist motion calling for a debate on the composition and policy of the Government which M. Pinay had explained briefly to the Assembly during a noisy session.

The Speaker, M. Edouard Herriot, had had to suspend the session for half an hour to restore order after ten minutes of shouting and bench beating.

Only the Communists and one Gaullist voted against the Government. The Gaullists and Socialists had announced they would abstain.

M. Pinay said before the vote that he would regard votes in favour of a debate as votes against his new Government. He asked for the Communist motion to be rejected "to allow the Government to get ahead with work."

Moderate Conservatives, Radicals and Popular Republicans voted for M. Pinay, while Socialists and Gaullists abstained.

The 27 Gaullist "rebels", who defected from their party, abstained excepting one, who voted for M. Pinay.

PLANS OUTLINED

This swing of the "rebels" and the absence of a few Radicals and Popular Republicans from Deputies meant that M. Pinay had 31 votes fewer than his investiture figure.

There was no larger-city vote included in the 10 precincts, since counts there would not be completed for several hours. — Associated Press.

End Strike Order To Unions

Cleveland, Mar. 11.

A Federal Judge today ordered three railway unions to end their strike of 6,000 engineers, firemen and conductors on two lines and prevent it from spreading to other lines.

The strikers are liable to fines and imprisonment for contempt of court if the strike is not ended.

The judge charged that the Budget meant poverty, war and domination by the United States. They also protested against rearmament and called for a new government. — United Press.

He set a hearing for March 10 on the Government's request for a permanent injunction, today's injunction being only provisional.

As a result of the strike, more than 30,000 non-striking New York Central employees were laid off, and five railroads serving Chicago, the nation's railroad centre, were crippled.

Freight and passenger service has been halted by the refusal of other railroads to cross the gateline line where New York Central tracks were used by other lines. — Reuter.

ELEVEN KILLED IN DISTURBANCES

Capetown, Mar. 11.

Eleven people were killed and 60 were injured in disturbances in the African township of Newclare, near Johannesburg, on Sunday, and yesterday, the Minister of Justice, Mr Charles Swart, told Parliament.

The disturbances were not yet over, but the police had matters well in hand. — Reuter.

America Has New Guided Missile

Washington, Mar. 11. Rear-Admiral John B. Moss said today that the Navy had developed a guided missile which could seek out and destroy an enemy plane three to four miles away.

He described the weapon at a Congressional sub-committee hearing on machine tool shortages.

The missile, called the Sparrow, was fired in its present form from a plane and we are working on a ground-to-air version, he said.

He told of films he had seen of the projectile in action.

It is not a question of inflicting damage on an enemy plane. There just is not any airplane left after it once hits, he said.

A Senator asked, "You mean our aircraft will be able to destroy enemy planes they cannot see?"

"That is our ultimate objective," the Admiral replied.

The Committee's chairman asked the Admiral about the possibility of the "enemy" developing similar guided missiles.

"I have heard of the enemy using guided missiles in Korea," Admiral Moss replied.

But he added that he was not familiar with what other nations were doing in missile research.

Later he told a reporter that the missile he had been talking about was "about half way" between the experimental and the mass manufacturing stage.

Admiral Moss is Assistant Chief for Material and Services in the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. — Reuter.

Police Break Up Meeting

Havana, Mar. 11. In its first demonstration of force since the new regime took over, the police tonight broke up a meeting of about 20 leaders of the Opposition People's Party in the home of Roberto Agramonte.

Agramonte was the Party's presidential candidate for the June 1 election which General Fulgencio Batista cancelled. Agramonte and all attending the meeting were taken to Secret Police Headquarters for questioning, then released.

Agramonte quoted the police as saying that meetings of more than four people were prohibited under the suspension of constitutional guarantees. — United Press.

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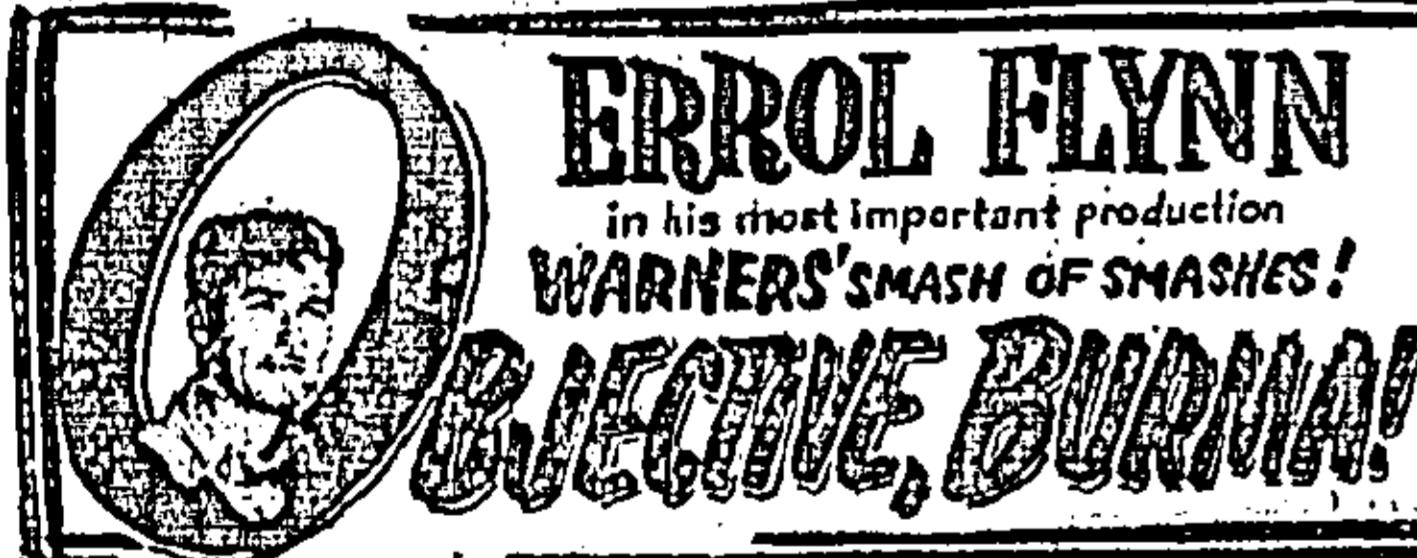
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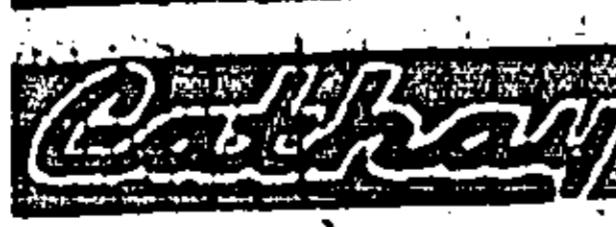
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British World Champions Jean Westwood and I. Demmy execute intricate turns during a skating exhibition at the Palais des Sports in Paris. In the world artistic skating finals they defeated another British pair, Joan Dewhurst and Ronald Slater, thus giving Britain premier place in this class. — France-Press.

Israeli Minister Puts Out Feeler To Arab States

London, Mar. 11. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, said here today that Israel was eager to reach an agreed settlement with her Arab neighbours.

She was not in the least anxious to "perpetuate her loneliness."

M. Sharett, who was addressing a Foreign Press Association luncheon, said the rise of Israel had come as a rude shock to the entire Arab crescent encompassing it. The shock had been aggravated and turned into a mood of silica refusal to look facts in the face by the failure of the Arab attempt to crush Israel out of existence.

The Arab attitude, Mr. Sharett said, was based on two outdated and irrational notions:

1. That one can indefinitely disregard a solid fact created under one's very nose, and
2. That a country can be strangled by sealing off its land frontiers.

"On both scores the fallacy is prejudicial to the Arab States themselves," he declared.

Israel had found alternative sources for the supplies she would have bought from Arab lands, as well as alternative

markets for the goods she might have sold them.

RAPID PROGRESS

The crux of Israel's problem was production. Her balance of trade was staggeringly adverse.

But within five years, Mr. Sharett said, it should be possible for Israel to achieve a balanced food economy.

Industry was making rapid progress in scope as well as in structure. Almost £50,000,000 had been invested in industrial development in the last three years.

Return of the Arab refugees to Israel would not serve the lasting interest of peace and stability, Mr. Sharett said. Nor would it advance the prospect of durable friendship between Israel and her neighbours.

The best that could happen to the refugees would be their resettlement and employment under the plans of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

On the prospects of an Arab-Israeli peace settlement, Mr. Sharett said the most hopeful omen had been the appearance of reports from Cairo advocating and even foretelling an early start to negotiations. — Reuter.

PROFESSORS DISMISSED

Damascus, Mar. 11. Three Syrian University professors have been dismissed for refusing to take an oath that they would not take part in politics.

They are Professors Abu Wahab Homad, Rizkalla Ittaki and Munir Ajlan.

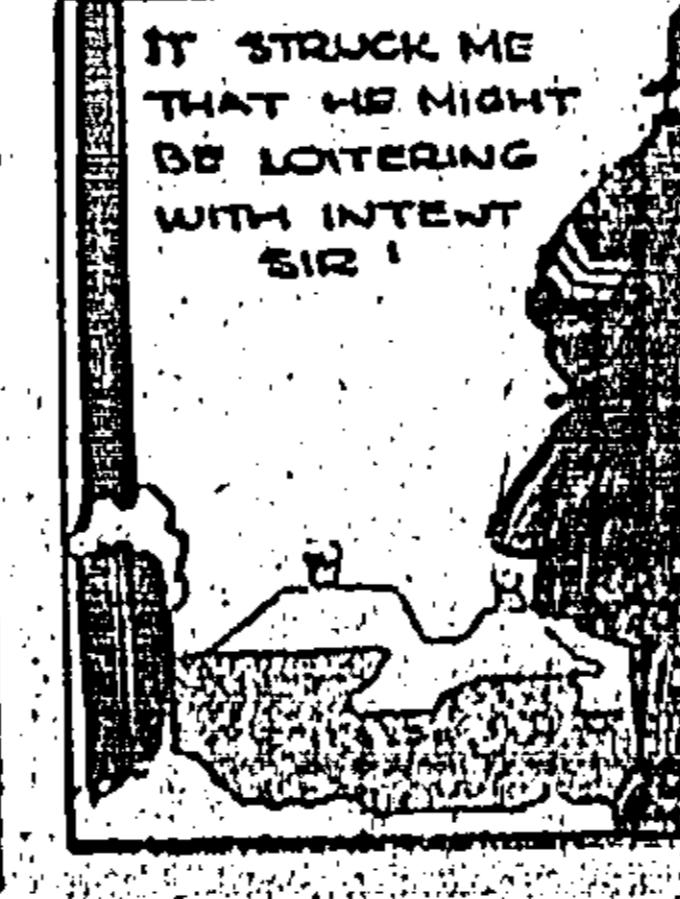
The three are noted lecturers on law, former barristers and former Members of Parliament. Professors Homad and Ittaki are leading members of the Populist Party, which ruled Syria before the last coup. A legislative decree banning students from politics came into force last January. — Reuter.

TROOPER HELD UP BY FOG

Liverpool, Mar. 11. The trooper Employ Pride, bringing troops home from the Far East for leave or release, arrived here today, 12 hours late.

The Empire Pride was due to have docked last night but was held up by fog at the Mersey Bar. With daylight today, however, she was able to "creep" to the Liverpool landing stage, where Service authorities had been standing by. — Reuter.

POP



"Strong Man" Tightens Hold On Cuba Government

Havana, Mar. 11.

Military men General Fulgencio Batista tightened his grip on Cuba's Government today but granted a safe conduct for the deposed President to go into exile abroad.

Former President Carlos Prío and several officials of his overthrown Government took asylum in the Mexican and Argentine Embassies.

Hazardous, unshaven, and wearing the same zippered leather jacket he had worn when fleeing the Palace on Monday just ahead of Gen. Batista's Army, Ex-President Prío arrived at the Mexican Embassy at dawn.

Returned to power in an Army coup, Gen. Batista spent in the new Cabinet—which included two women—and sent troops to the last point in the interior where opposition was reported and a military consolidation his hold on the island.

The Government suspended Congress for 45 days. It notified a newspaper and radio stations that there would be no interference with fulfillment of their public functions and assured labour that his rights would be guaranteed.

Miguel Angel Campe, new Minister of State, said a safe conduct was granted to Prío and his effects because the Government did not want to hinder their leaving.

"We want no bloodshed and are interested in restoring as soon as possible the normal rhythm of an established Government," he said.

STRENGTHENS HOLD

He added that one of his first acts was to cable the Cuban Embassies abroad to assure the governments in the respective capitals that Cuba would observe all national and international commitments and guarantee security of national and foreign interests and fair and fruitful relations between capital and labour.

A telegraph check of key interior points indicated that General Batista had strengthened his hold on the provincial garrisons. The new Cabinet is as follows:

(Presidency)—Andres Morales del Castillo. Public Works—Jose Mendigutia. Treasury—Marinno Lopez Blasco. Justice—Miguel Cospedal. Labour—Jesus Portocarrero. Health—Enrique Salcedo. State—Miguel Angel Campa. Education—Andres Rivero Aguirre. Communications—Pablo Carrera. Defense—Nicanor Perez Hernandez. Interior—Hector Henriquez. Ministers—without Portfolio—Maria Gomez Carbajal, Julian Alvarez, Justo Sosa and Leonardo Anaya Marillo.

Gen. Batista retained the Presidential and appointed Dr. Justo Luis del Pazo as Mayor of Havana.—United Press.

Alleged Spies Rounded Up

Pusan, Mar. 11. South Korean police today announced the arrest of 11 alleged North Korean spies headed by Russian-educated Sohn Od-hel, who, they say, was engaged in intelligence activities.

Sohn was educated in the Soviet Union at an intelligence school. He entered South Korea with a secret mission to obtain information for the North Korean Communists, the police added.

All the suspects arrested were sent for trial at the Pusan district court today after thorough examination by the police. — France-Press.

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Restrictions On Trawling

London, Mar. 11. The Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, today discussed Iceland's attitude to the fishing restrictions round her coast with the Icelandic Counsellor, Gunnlaugur Petersson.

The question arises from the judgment against Britain given by the International Court at The Hague last year supporting Norway's fishing restrictions.

The object of the meeting today is to find out whether the Icelandic Government intends to employ the Norwegian method of defining restricted areas. — Reuter.

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CLASH IN GREECE FEARED

Opposition Object To Appointment

Athens, Mar. 11. King Paul's appointment of the Liberal leader, Sophocles Venizelos, as Acting Prime Minister, replacing ailing General Nicholas Plastiras, may lead to a clash with the Opposition leader, Marshal Papagos, head of the Greek Rally Party.

The appointment was made as General Plastiras, aged 68, who is stricken with cerebral thrombosis, is expected to be bedridden for at least three months.

General Plastiras has been suffering from slight cerebral thrombosis and yesterday he was unable to move his left arm, which was partly paralysed. He had been recovering from an attack of angina pectoris, which he suffered last November.

Tonight Marshal Papagos bluntly attacked King Paul's appointment of M. Venizelos and threatened to raise the matter in Parliament.

The Greek Rally Opposition claimed that the King's decree was a "constitutional deviation and contempt of Parliamentary procedure."

SHOULD RESIGN.

If General Plastiras was unable to carry on with his duties, then he ought to resign with the Cabinet led by him, the Opposition claimed.

Government quarters, in reply to the Opposition protests, say:

1. The decree submitted to the King was signed by Premier Plastiras himself and other Cabinet Ministers.

2. The provisional transfer of a Premier's duties was in accordance with an emergency law passed in January 1951.

3. The Royal decree, already published in the Official Gazette, had been vouched for by the Council of State as far as its constitutional correctness.—Reuter.

Restitution

To Be Asked

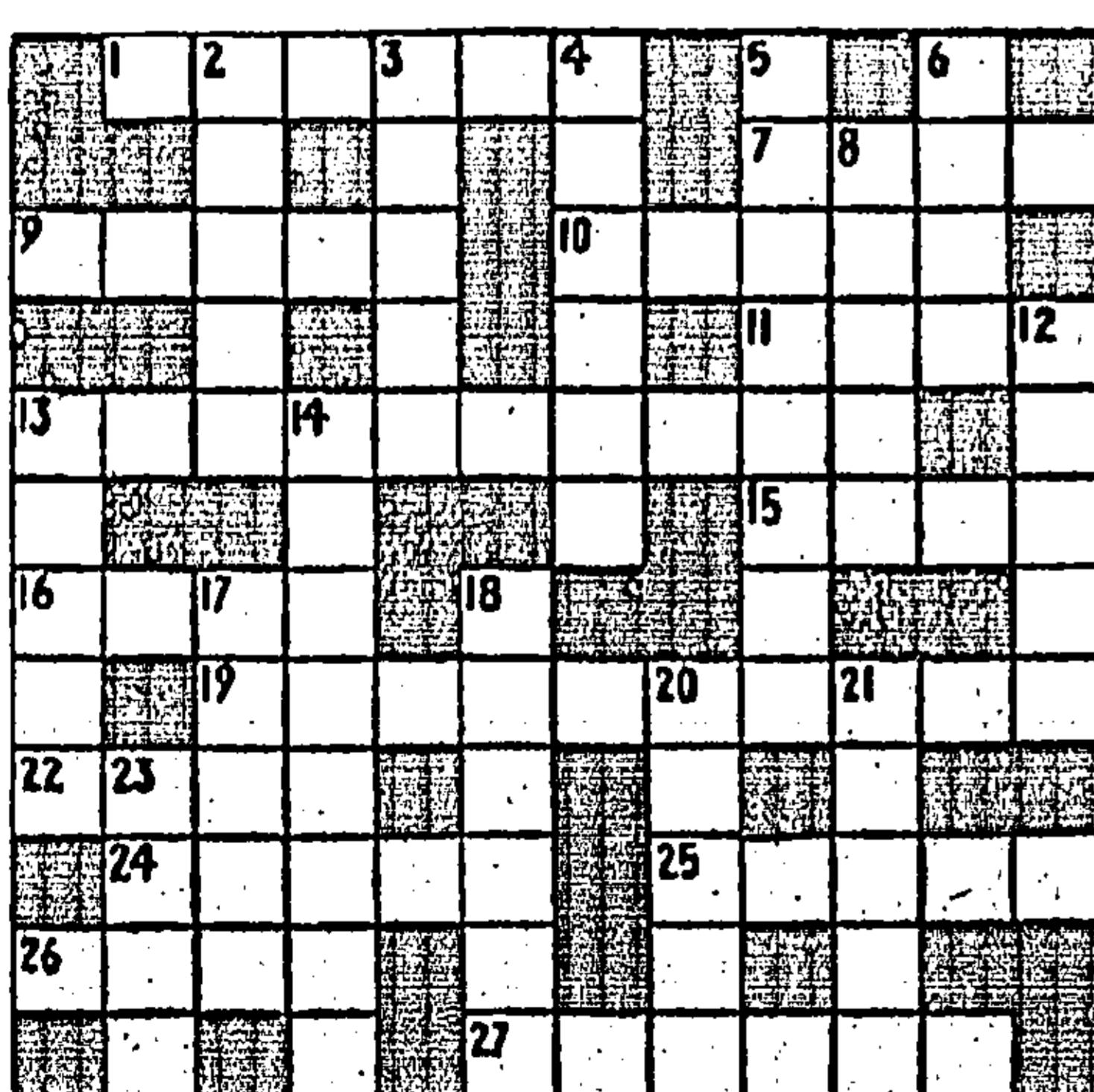
Bonn, Mar. 11. Western Germany intends to ask Egypt to restore the damage caused to three German firms in Cairo during the riots of Jan. 20.

Herr Walter Hallstein, the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who is in Washington, announced this in a written answer to questions in the Bundestag.

He also announced that the only fact holding up the establishment of a German diplomatic mission in Cairo was Egypt's insistence that West Germany recognise King Farouk as "King of Egypt and the Sudan."

He stated: "We hope the British-Egyptian talks will make such fast progress that a provisional solution becomes unnecessary."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



WESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Aeross, 4. Crack, 5. Venish, 8. Adept, 10. Rest, 12. Boulder, 15. Tenor, 16. Erso, 17. Even, 19. Opine, 20. Directs, 21. Tart, 23. Sleep, 24. Duffer, 25. Amity, 26. Pallid. Down: 1. Diverted, 2. Cunifer, 3. Ouse, 5. Resident, 6. Coples, 9. Corps, 11. Tentment, 12. Booty, 13. Dreadful, 14. Restored, 18. Yolkin, 22. Pume.

She Has The Right Twist



RUSSIAN PROPOSALS ON GERMANY GIVEN A COOL RECEPTION

Suspicion In The West Of Kremlin Motives

London, Mar. 11.

Western diplomats today viewed with suspicion Russia's overnight note to France, Britain and America proposing immediate four-power talks to draft a German peace treaty for discussion by all States concerned at an international conference.

Some observers wondered whether the proposals were merely a manoeuvre to hamper Germany's integration in the Western community of nations.

The Russian proposals were delivered in notes to the three Western envoys in Moscow last night.

With the proposals was a Russian draft for discussions on the treaty and an indication that she was ready to consider possible proposals by the other Powers.

The draft called for Germany to be restored to a single State, the withdrawal of all occupying armed forces within one year of the coming into force of the peace treaty, the accord to Germans of democratic rights, including freedom of speech, Press, worship, politics and assembly.

She would be permitted national armed forces for her defence.

Political quarters in Paris thought that many French non-Communist members of Parliament would press the Government to follow up the new Russian proposals.

The Chairman of the French National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission, Jacques Bardoux, said: "In my view, it is impossible for the Western Powers to reject the Russian proposal. A Western refusal would create difficulties for the Allies with German public opinion."

A PREREQUISITE

The West German Cabinet, presided over by Chancellor Adenauer, discussed the Soviet note in Bonn today.

A Government source said the note did not solve the question of how Germany was to be reunited.

This was a necessary prerequisite to any treaty signature.

The Soviet purpose was evidently to create a political vacuum in the centre of Europe, which Russia could easily dominate, the source said.

British officials thought the note was timed to influence the still critical Parliamentary debates in Bonn, which must be held to ratify the European peace community treaty, which will permit a German contribution to the European Army.—Reuter.

BONN DISCUSSIONS

Bonn, Mar. 11.

A communiqué issued following talks between the Federal German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the three Western High Commissioners stated: "The Allied High Commissioners and the Federal Chancellor had a preliminary exchange of views on the Soviet note which was published this morning by the news agencies. They agreed to recognise that the new initiative by the Moscow Government should not have any influence on the continuation of their negotiations."

The interview between the three High Commissioners and Chancellor Adenauer was concluded at 8.30 p.m.

The talks are to continue tomorrow.

During today's meeting the High Commissioners were accompanied by their financial experts.

FINANCIAL ANGLE

The Federal Finance Minister, Dr Fritz Schaefer, along with Dr Grove, Adviser of the Federal Chancellor in International Law, and Herr Herbert Blankenhorn, Chief of the Political Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also took part in the talks between the Allies and Dr Adenauer on contractual agreements and on the Soviet note concerning the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany.

The communiqué further stated that the Federal Chancellor and the three High Commissioners had examined the progress made by the experts in the negotiations on the contractual agreements.

"They discussed certain points relating to the technical conventions which will be annexed to the general agreement," the communiqué added.

The communiqué concluded by saying that the High Commissioners had considered the question of tax and customs duty exemptions which will be enjoyed by the Allied forces stationed in Germany.

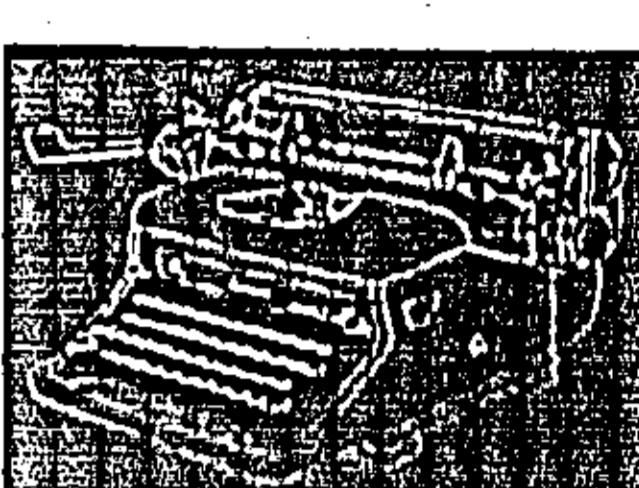
After his breakfast he talked informally to the reporters, avoiding all political subjects.—Reuter.

Freak Catch

Oslo, Mar. 11. About 50 small whales, ranging in size from 200 lbs to 800 lbs, were driven ashore in a small bay at Kongsberg, West Norway, by bad weather yesterday. Local fishermen caught and killed them all.—Reuter.



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India Would Fight For Freedom

San Francisco, Mar. 11.

India would fight, if need be, in the cause of freedom, her Ambassador to the United States told a Press conference today.

"If there is any conflict, India will fight on the side which she considers to be the right side," said Bhai Rajan Sehgal. He will deliver addresses here on Wednesday and Thursday.

India's armed forces, he said, are not yet organised to fight abroad, thus explaining why India has sent only an ambulance group to the United Nations' effort in Korea.

He also noted continued tension between India and Pakistan.

"We have to preserve peace at home before we go abroad," he said.

But he noted: "It is not a question of neutrality. We shall, if necessary, fight."—Associated Press.

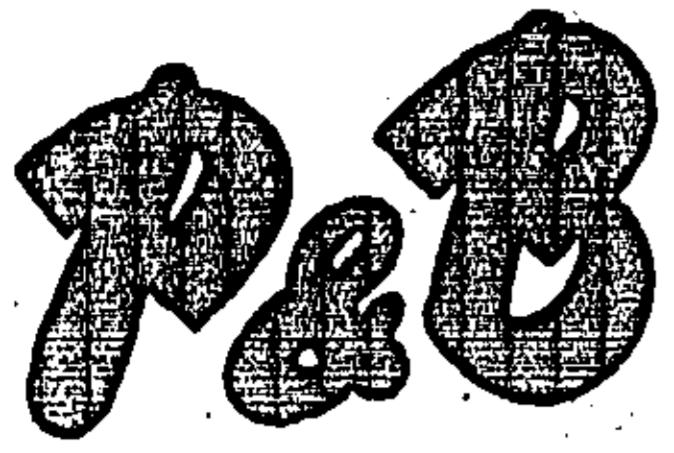
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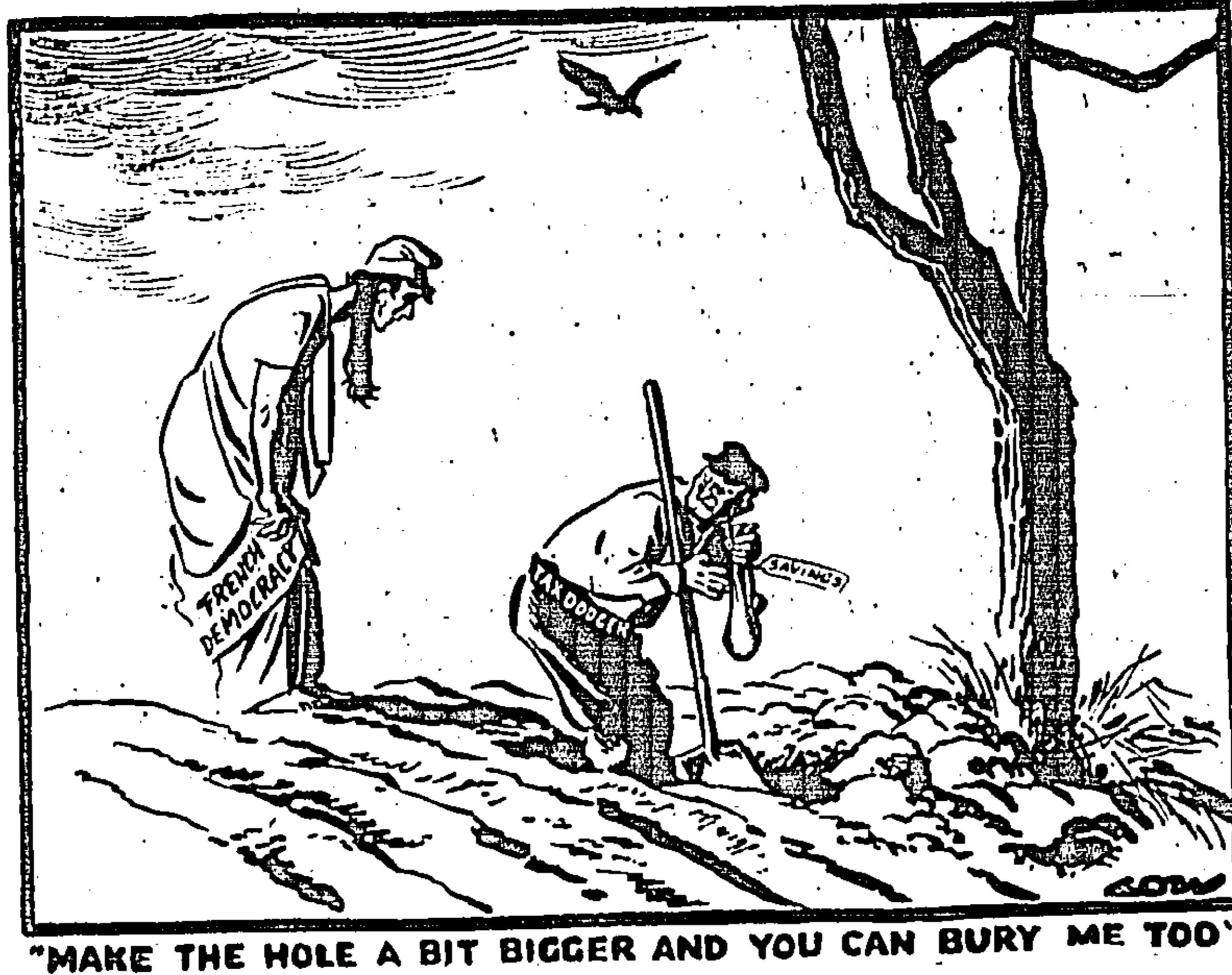
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THE BUDGET MAN AT HOME

By Kenneth Mare-Scott

AB Butler—everyone calls him Rab, including his wife—possesses much of the solid nature of his Cornish ancestors, the Kennedys.

I remember once being led into the dining room at Stanstead Hall, his Essex home, Elizabethan in style—a well-managed farm in fact—and being shown a family portrait of one of the Kendals. "That's one of my Cornish ancestors," said Rab Butler with quiet pride.

If he had not married a Courtauld, he might well have sought to represent a Cornish seat in Parliament. As it happened, he married the only daughter of the late Sam Courtauld, head of a famous Essex family, whose name will long be remembered. Not only was he a great industrialist, but he gave much of his wealth to founding the Courtauld Institute where connoisseurs of painting and art lovers might enrich their knowledge and indulge their appetites in the world's heritage of painting and kindred arts.

NO FRILLS

HIS daughter has inherited his love of pictures. "Sam—I always called him Sam—was terribly proud of his collection of paintings, many of them by the French impressionists," says Mrs Butler. "A gallery is to be built at London University to house the collection, 136 in all, but it will be some years before the necessary building can be completed."

Mrs Sydney Butler is as unusual as her name. Her precise manner has a charm all of its own; her naturally healthy complexion adds no cosmetic aid to the glow of country; her lively conversation, devoid of all frills, covers her favourite subjects: art, farming, music and the Marriage Guidance Council, and her delightful "Do you think we might have some sherry, and two glasses—we both feel a drink would be such a good idea?" to her "help" who came in response to a push of the bell. All seemed to fit the wife of a country parson more naturally than the partner of a Chancellor of the Exchequer.

He was educated at Marlborough and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where his distinguished father, Sir Montague Butler, was for many years Master.

His reputation in Parliament is that of a conscientious, honest and scholarly worker, thorough in every detail.

"His capacity for work is amazing," says his wife, "and he stands up to it remarkably well in spite of late nights—1 a.m. or 2 a.m.—at his desk or in consultation with his own staff and people from overseas."

We talked about the family—Richard who recently became engaged, Adam and James, still at Eton, and little Sarah, aged eight.

He has infinite patience. His record within his own party is illuminating. He has guided intricate legislation through



Richard Auster Butler

Parliament—he bore most of the burden of the India Bill; his Education Act is the root and delight of his eldest son branch of our present system, about to take up farming.

Like Mr Churchill, his chief, Rab Butler loves painting and is talented in the use of oils, specialising in landscapes. Farming is another interest, and he has his own farm in Gloucestershire, where he indulges in friendly rivalry with his wife's efforts at Stanstead. The farm

is a fitting end to this picture of the Chancellor and his home.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Arguing Won't Help Improve Your Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

BRIDGE players are a wonderful tribe. They can argue long and bitterly about things that make no difference, ignoring the important facts. This, of course, makes them very different from other human beings.

In today's hand, West opened ten of diamonds, and South won the pick. He returned the King of hearts to knock out West's Ace of clubs. Since West thought of keeping a club, he cashed his King of diamonds and South won the trick.

Declarer was with the ace of clubs, cashing the Queen of clubs and then drew West's last trump by raking a low trump to dummy's ten. He next tried the spade finesse, leading to the Queen which was drawn. West had been encouraged enough, and dummy ruffed with the jack.

South now had to give up a spade to the ace, whereupon West was able to cash the Jack of clubs for the setting trick.

South then accused finger at his partner: "You didn't have a ruff to fair hearts," he scolded.

North denied the charge, and the argument was on.

The discussion was completely

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

I THOUGHT that a giraffe in a bus was a sight I should never see until the blue moon rose on the Feast of Saint Ginglin (celebrated in March), until last year's leaves were on next year's trees, and the water of the Durance ran uphill, and Paddy Riley came back to Ballyjamesduff.

But in my paper there is a picture of them venturing into a window of the bus, and I will warrant that even the most frantic giraffe did not offer such a pose if it were a psychiatrist present to say that the giraffe was not really there, the people who were looking past down the aisle will be coming from the opposite direction to that indicated.

Telmo the Magnificent

REMARKING superciliously that "One would not suppose there

was much future for a five-eleven-wheeled motor vehicle which

if it were a psychiatrist present to say that the giraffe was not really there, the people who

were looking past down the aisle

would be coming from the opposite

direction to that indicated."

Sueet clears up a muddle

IN a supplement to his Traffic

Schedule, C. Sueet, Esq., deals

with the Look-Look-Look Right

signs or crossing. Still—Look Right

is the crux of the matter, is it which way

you are facing, if, by facing back-

towards the oncoming traffic,

when you are facing the traffic going

in the other direction, you must

turn your head to the right before

looking the reverse way? If, on the

other hand, you are on the left of the road, and are looking

in passing

THAT was a rather sad story

of the explorer who engaged a native as a guide. The native had

been looking in at the tent open-

ing and said, "How would you like

me cooked?" At Versailles in 1800

one of the most charming visitors

to the court was to ask a New Zealand

delegate, "At what age did you

give up cannibalism?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

BORN today, you are one of those talented, all-around proficient personalities, and then just go ahead and do without any fear or feather. When that job is done, then bear you know it, you have reached a peak and inevitable success. Of course, the stars have been generous in endowing you with talents. But you seem to know how to make the best use of them. You do not let anything stand in your way, and will be bored to death unless your work involves an interesting idea. You are born an innovator and have the courage to introduce new methods and ideas resulting opposition, and to fight to a successful completion. Select a trusted friend to attend to financial details and you'll make money, too. You may have had a few setbacks in early youth; that the unscrupulous

will get you a long way on the road to success this day.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) A friend made today might have a very definite influence upon your future happiness.

(Apr. 21-May 19) Confidence will get you a long way on the road to success this day.

TAURUS (May 20-Jun. 18) If you don't have one, take a look around for something interesting.

CANCER (June 19-July 23) Be practical, logical, firm. But utilize tact and diplomacy to get what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Haste only makes waste on a new job. Be sure to avoid making a careless but costly error.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Working too hard blunts your enthusiasm. Take some time out for relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Watch the red lights carefully. If driving in traffic today, you can avoid an accident.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Relax by indulging in a hobby. If you don't have one, take a look around for something interesting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's negotiating some important other day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Money matters for another's inefficiency. Hurry to keep the peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A shopping day. Get that spring wardrobe in order.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Home surroundings may need your careful attention today. Take care of all details now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 19) The bidding has been:

North East South West

Pass Pass Pass

South North South East

Pass Pass Pass

South West North East

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead—♦ 10

Three points. If North had bid only three, he might have been given a non-trump—but then the North would have gone back to four hearts anyway. (Or he should have bid four spades, but that was not.)

The important fact was that South should have known that the bidding was off the mark when he drew three rounds of trumps.

Contract play is known to him, and he can cash the clubs on the club return, and then lead a low trump to dummy's ten. The spade finesse is taken while dummy still has two trumps.

It will take a quick queen of spades and returns a club, dummy cashing off with one of the two trumps. The ace of spades is then led, and dummy still has a trump to stop the clubs.

No matter what West does, South can regain his lead by ruffing a low trump, and then South can draw the last trump.

CARDSTOCK

Q.—The bidding has been:

North East South West

Pass Pass Pass

You South, bid: Spades K-J-9-8-

-7-6-5-4-3- Diamonds 10-9-8-

-7-6-5-4- Clubs A-Q-10-9-8-7-

-6-5-4-3- Hearts A-Q-10-9-8-

-7-6-5-4-3- Diamonds Q-J-10-9-

-8-7-6-5-4- Clubs K-Q-10-9-8-

-7-6-5-4- Hearts K-Q-10-9-8-

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday,
29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (36 in all).

Through Tickets at \$72.00 each may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, or ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5 D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

or

332, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investor have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurer's Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of titles will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Enclosure, the Boxes adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will patrol at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
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Secretary.HONGKONG'S ATHLETES
BEST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
FOR DITCH-LEAPING

By "RECODER"

*The new Philippines athletic season has not been noteworthy yet for outstanding performances and Hongkong leads quite easily over the first three months of the year, except in the women's events.**Hongkong's best performances against the rest of Southeast Asia over the past 12 months have been in the Long Jump, where the Colony's athletes swamp the ranking lists in both the men's and women's section, testifying to the fact that we are, quite certainly, the best ditch-leapers in this part of the world.**The Filipino girls, having their first real post-war season in athletics — there have been no Championships for them since the war and there will be one this year — are beginning to outclass what talent we have, except in the Long Jump.**Inocencia Solis of Iloilo heads the 100 Metres list with a fine performance of 12.4 seconds, which is near Olympic semi-finalist class, and 13-year-old Patricia Credo of Negros Oriental has a mark of 13.1 seconds.**A team of Taiwan athletes are present in Manila for a series of dual meets before competing in the Philippines National Championships. Among them is Chen Ying-long, who competed in the last Olympic Games and has a best mark for the past year of 51 seconds for the 400 Metres. Chen Cheng-chih is not far behind with 51.8. Another outstanding Taiwan athlete now in Manila is high hurdler Wang Lun-chang, who has a best mark of 15.2 seconds.**Best athletic performances in Southeast Asia for the past 12 months (which include performances by Hongkong athletes in April, May and June last year as well as the current season) are:*

100 YARDS

Sidney Martin (Kuching) ...	10.0
Tan Eng-yoo (Singapore) ...	10.1
Chant Koon-how (Selangor) ...	10.2
J. Madhaven (Perak) ...	10.2
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong) ...	10.2
Norman Lee (Singapore) ...	10.3
A. Alapini (Hongkong) ...	10.4
J. A. Stephenson (Perak) ...	10.4
Mok Yuen-kan (Selangor) ...	10.4
Cheung Yam-hung (Hongkong) ...	10.4
L/Cpl. Pearce (Perak) ...	10.4

100 METRES

Stephen Xavier (Hongkong) ...	10.9
Jackson Lee (Hongkong) ...	11.0
Cheung Yam-hung (Hongkong) ...	11.0
José Dioco (Manila) ...	11.0
Wang Man-wan (Singapore) ...	11.0
Ng Yit-choon (Singapore) ...	11.0
Magdaleno Galay (Manila) ...	11.1
L/Cpl. Daniels (Hongkong) ...	11.1
Gavino Cardona (Pangasinan) ...	11.1
A. A. Alapini (Hongkong) ...	11.1
Fung Kai-han (Hongkong) ...	11.1

200 METRES

Chew Hal-yuen (Singapore) ...	21.5
Tan Chik-kwan (Hongkong) ...	21.5
Kernil Singh (Selangor) ...	21.5
Rivers (Manila) ...	21.5
K. E. Wake (Hongkong) ...	21.5
Ernesto Lao-chin (Hongkong) ...	21.5
Wong Lau-chin ...	21.5
Yew Kim (Kelantan) ...	21.5
P. Perera (Singapore) ...	21.5
Stephan Xavier (Hongkong) ...	21.5
Malcolm (Selangor) ...	21.5
Chen Yam-hung (Hongkong) ...	21.5
L/Cpl. Pearce (Perak) ...	21.5

POLE VAULT

Chew Hal-yuen (Singapore) ...	11: 5
Tan Eng-yoo (Singapore) ...	11: 5
Yew Kim (Kelantan) ...	11: 5
Stephan Xavier (Hongkong) ...	11: 5
Malcolm (Selangor) ...	11: 5
Chen Yam-hung (Hongkong) ...	11: 5
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LONG JUMP

T. Moyano (Hongkong) ...	21: 10
Lloyd Valberg (Singapore) ...	21: 5
Chung Koon-how (Hongkong) ...	21: 5
Yew Kim (Kelantan) ...	21: 5
Stephan Xavier (Hongkong) ...	21: 5
Malcolm (Selangor) ...	21: 5
Chen Yam-hung (Hongkong) ...	21: 5
L/Cpl. Pearce (Perak) ...	21: 5

HIGH JUMP

T. Moyano (Hongkong) ...	21: 10
Lloyd Valberg (Singapore) ...	21: 5
Chung Koon-how (Hongkong) ...	21: 5
Yew Kim (Kelantan) ...	21: 5
Stephan Xavier (Hongkong) ...	21: 5
Malcolm (Selangor) ...	21: 5
Chen Yam-hung (Hongkong) ...	21: 5
L/Cpl. Pearce (Perak) ...	21: 5

HOP, STEP & JUMP

Lloyd Valberg (Singapore) ...	44: 3
Tan Eng-yoo (Singapore) ...	44: 3
Sgt. Hamzah (Hongkong) ...	44: 3
Silgue Merican (Selangor) ...	44: 3
Sgt. Hamzah (Johore) ...	44: 3
Sgt. Hamzah (Perak) ...	44: 3
J. D. Roach (Hongkong) ...	44: 3
Wong Man-wan (Hongkong) ...	44: 3
Ng Yit-choon (Selangor) ...	44: 3
E. Williams (Hongkong) ...	44: 3
Wong Shiu-kwong (Hongkong) ...	44: 3
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SIR KEN WINS CHAMPION HURDLES RACE



Noholme (No. 24), B. Marshall up, was first over the final hurdle in the Champion Hurdle Race at Cheltenham on March 4, but the race was won by Sir Ken (No. 19), T. Moloney up, during the United Hunt's Meeting. — Central Press Photo.

THOUGH HE COULD WEAR CINDERELLA'S SLIPPERS

Phenomenal Speed Makes Hashim Khan The World's Best Squash Player At 36

Hashim Khan, the tiny, balding Pakistani who was last year's big surprise in the British Squash Championships, has added a fourth title to the three he already possesses. He trounced the Egyptian professional, ex-Champion Mahmoud Karim, in three straight sets to win the Dunlop Open Professional Squash Tournament.

At 36 he is one of the oldest Champions in the history of the game, and certainly the most unorthodox. His secret is his phenomenal speed. He is the fastest player ever seen, but makes no claim to being a stroke-player and has few winning shots.

When he played his first matches in England last year it was at once evident that here was a man who would be hard to beat. But most amazing about him was his extraordinary style.

LIKE A MEAT-CHOPPER

He holds his racket like a meat-chopper, the other hand thrown out to balance himself with fingers spread-eagled, and comes along the court re-tweaking everything.

This extraordinary turn of speed enables him always to choose the direction of his strokes. But although he is thus able to dominate the game he rarely plays exceptional shots, preferring to wear down his opponent by sheer tenacity and untiring strength. He practically never uses the angle shots which are the favourite resort of most champions.

Last year, few people thought he could beat Karim, the ex-hallboy from the Gezira Sports Club who became the most fearsome stroke-player of all time and was thrice Open Professional Champion. Karim's superb placing, whip-lash strokes and experience in the game were considered to be too much for the little Pakistani.

But Hashim, a head shorter than the Egyptian, utterly routed

the over-confident Champion; he took the first two games for love and the last with a loss of only five points.

Karim and his supporters afterwards claimed that the Egyptian was not a fit man, a statement which seemed to be borne out by his subsequent treatment in hospital.

But this year Hashim has proved conclusively that he can beat the Egyptian on equal terms. He won the Dunlop title 9-3, 9-7.

Hashim is also the reigning Open Champion of the British Isles, Professional Champion, and Scottish Open Champion. He will defend the first title next month, and the Professional and Scottish titles in April.

A GREAT RECORD

It is a great record for the little man from Peshawar, who turned professional only when he found that he could beat everyone who challenged him.

He became Professional Champion of Western India in 1944, a title which he retained for the next two years. A Pathan by birth, he became a naturalised Pakistani at the time of Partition, and won the Professional Championships of Pakistan in 1949. For some years he has been Resident Coach at the Peshawar RAF Officers Mess.

Hashim is immensely popular in Britain. He is a jolly little man with a happy grin, and a great sense of fun. He obviously enjoys a game immensely, and laughs delightedly as he plays.

He loves to exhibit his stunt shots when he knows he has a "no" in the bag. His favourite trick is to hit a backhand with his right hand crossed behind his back, and his antics cause roar of laughter in the spectator gallery.

"Good SPORTSMAN"

He is also a remarkably good sportsman. He is generous in victory, and quick to offer a lift if he thinks he has obstructed a player.

"Want again?" he queries. He always encourages a less experienced player by deliberately throwing away a few points, and playing back to him.

The only man he accords no quarter is Karim. He has not forgotten a rebuff from Karim last year, during the Championships, when the haughty young Egyptian curtly refused a lunch invitation from the Pakistani. As a result, the Dunlop final was one of the grimdest affairs we have seen for a long time.

Hashim has one big worry in life. When he plays in England he is obliged to wear shoes—and he can't find tennis shoes anywhere in the country that are small enough for him.

So he plays in size six, with the toes padded because he takes 4½. Pakistani friends helped him scour London for shoes and Dunlop sent half a dozen fittings from their factory—but they were all too large.

Oxford University took 21 minutes 40 seconds last Saturday, but they had to contend with several stretches of choppy water and a lot of river traffic.

Rowing under ideal conditions, they covered the four and a quarter miles in 20 minutes 24 seconds.

Cambridge Row First Full Course Trial

London, Mar. 11. Cambridge University, strong favourites to beat Oxford in the annual University Boat Race on March 29, rowed their first full course trial from Putney to Mortlake, on the River Thames, today.

Rowing under ideal conditions, they covered the four and a quarter miles in 20 minutes 24 seconds.

Oxford University took 21 minutes 40 seconds last Saturday, but they had to contend with several stretches of choppy water and a lot of river traffic.

While Cambridge had many reasons for satisfaction, they must have been worried by the jerky movement of their boat through the water. — Reuter.

Scottish Soccer

London, Mar. 11. Clyde beat Dundee United by three goals to nil in a Scottish League, Division "B", football match today. The match was postponed from February 2. — Reuter.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

Now Take Your Pick For The Cast Of The "Pickwick Papers," Says JACK DAVIES

HAVING read through hundreds of suggestions for the casting of five of the principal roles in Renown's film version of "The Pickwick Papers," it is obvious that producer George Minter and director Noel Langley have no easy task ahead of them.

Some suggestions, if acted upon, would undoubtedly bring forth howls of dismay from the Dickens Fellowship. I cannot imagine, for example, that Humphrey Bogart would be an ideal Tracy Tuppman. Neither can I see Alan Ladd as Snodgrass, or either Bette Davis or Anna Neagle as Mrs. Bardell.

ALL FOR ONE

One or two actors emerged with flying colours. Alec Guinness was cast for every male role in the picture, one person going so far as to suggest that he should play them all simultaneously!

Emily Williams was another who was suggested, for inst-

antly parts.

On average, the most popular cast would appear to be:

TUPMAN, CECIL PARKER or MERVYN JOHN.

SNODGRASS, GEORGE COLE or DENNIS PRICE or ALEC GUINNESS.

WINKLE, DAVID TOMLINSON or ALEC GUINNESS.

JINGLE, NIGEL PATRICK (an easy winner).

MRS. BARDELL, HELENOR HADDELEY or MEGS JENKINS.

There were many suggestions for Sam Weller. That famous

Dickensian, Bransby Williams, suggested Leslie Dwyer, adding that if the trial scene is used, he would like to play Buzfuz himself, a suggestion I pass on to Minter.

Other popular choices for Weller were Tommy Trinder, Max Bygraves, Jack Warner, Bill Owen, Jimmy Hanley, Sydney Tafler, Bernard Miles and, inevitably, Alec Guinness.

TALL STORY

THAT languid-looking Irishman Patrick Campbell, who always seems to me to be about 10 feet tall, has won much fame as a writer of humorous stories and articles. Now he has turned his attention to the movie business and has written a screen story, "Miss Robin Hood," which Group III will put into production shortly.

It is not, as might be suspected, a starring vehicle for Joan Rice, but is concerned with the adventures of the editor of a magazine for teenagers who is writing a serial about a female outlaw and who suddenly slips on the wrong side of the law himself.

Playing the leading roles in "Miss Robin Hood" will be Margaret Rutherford, Naunton Wayne, Eric Berry and Michael Medwin. It should be funny.

GOOD HUNTING

LIKE Miss Rutherford, Marsha Hunt is another character actress who gets offered many more screen roles than she can possibly accept.

Miss Hunt is currently playing a faded music-hall star with Ted Ray and Kay Walsh in "Meet Me Tonight." When this is completed she is going straight into another Technicolour film, "It Started in Paradise," in which she will play a haughty dress designer.

Also cast for this film are Jane Hylton, Terence Morgan and Ian Hunter.

CASH ON THE KEYS

AS a money-snaker there's nothing like an old song. Recently Warner Brothers made a biography of the late Gus Kahn entitled "I'll See You in My Dreams."

Up till then the songwriter's widow had been receiving a handy £3,000 or so a quarter by way of royalties from her husband's old tunes. However, Warner still had to pay over £20,000 for the rights of the title song and other Kahn ditties used in the picture.

British film producers don't pay that kind of money for music. They hit a much lower note—somewhere round the bottom of the keyboard.

BAGDAD 'BABES'

IN Spain they are making a film entitled "Babes of Bagdad." The Babes concerned are Paulette Goddard, John Boles, Gypsy Rose Lee and Hugh Dempster.

Mr. Dempster, writing to me from Barcelona, says: "The

Time after time, particularly after matches with Continental sides, I have pleaded for more robust play from our own players, who have been savaged,

of their own men, but, in some circumstances, actually demand it of them.

I am being told everywhere I go in football these days that "football is a man's game" and I am trying to make it a silly one. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Time after time, particularly after matches with Continental sides, I have pleaded for more robust play from our own players, who have been savaged,

IT'S SIMPLE

In my opinion it is as simple as this...

The clean-up of the foul tactician must start in the club boardroom and in the dressing room.

I have the word of a famous manager that he went to a visiting club's dressing-room to wish the boys good luck before a vital game. As he opened the door he heard his rival manager tell them, "Get out there and kick them—I don't care where you kick them, but kick them."

He withdrew without offering his good wishes.

"That manager," he told me, "was not speaking entirely of his own bat. He had the backing of his directors, and even those of his players who weren't 'bushers' knew that their places in the side would be jeopardised if they didn't go out and use the boot."

So it starts with the directors and the managers who not only shut their eyes to the dirty play

GOING HOME?

Ray Milland Is Sentimental Over A Street Bench

The most nostalgic place feel the same way is indicated by this quote from a report (published in the current Football Association Bulletin) of a decision by a technical sub-committee of the International Committee:

"It was a unanimous feeling that players must be prepared to accept obstruction and unfair play without resorting to similar expedients themselves. Strong tackling in a fair manner was the only means of showing resistance to unfair play.

"The players felt that it was most important to consider the referee's influence on the game. Unless there was a high standard of refereeing, then the team which played fairly might be seriously handicapped...."

MAJOR COG

There you have my own in Hollywood to Ray Milland, a man full of nostalgia, is the northeast corner of Sunset Boulevard and Laurel Avenue.

There's a bench there and it's full of memories for the actor. Some 15 or more years ago when he wasn't a movie star and didn't have enough money to buy a peanut butter sandwich at the drugstore back of the bench, Milland would sit there and watch the movie stars go by.

WAITING FOR THE BREAK

"I sit by the hour," the actor said, "and watch those big, beautiful cars sail by, loaded with glamorous people. It was where I'd meditate—hoping someday to get that break I was always working for."

It was while driving from his Beverly Hills home to Burbank for his starring role in Warner Bros.' "Close To My Heart" that he renewed his acquaintanceship with the bench.

"Mornings on my way to work I'd pass there," he said, "and begin thinking about how lucky I am today. You know, that bench gives me a whole new perspective on life."

Back To College

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- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1951.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 21st March, 1952, to the 3rd April, 1952, both days inclusive.

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Alleged Spy Paid \$10,000

Salzburg, Mar. 11. Czech Communist intelligence agents paid \$10,000 to an alleged spy in Austria in an attempt to get high-level Western defence secrets, according to evidence presented today in Austria's first postwar espionage trial.

The prosecution in the trial of the accused spy, Heinz Silomon, 42, Polish-born displaced person, said details of the transaction were contained in a confession signed by the defendant, who had pleaded not guilty to the spy charges.

The prosecution said defendant confessed Czech agents paid him 100,000 Austrian schillings in an attempt to find the answers to a list of 29 questions which interested where the United States intended to establish its European defense line.

Defendant explained he was unable to get any of the answers but had money anyway for copies of old Army documents, news papers, including the Stars and Stripes, and old Army letters.

Silomon, 42, being tried by the United States Civil Affairs Court on charges that he gave information on American troops and equipment in Austria to Czech agents. He is alleged to be a member of a ring which operated in the American and British Zones of Austria.—United Press.

Import Cuts Called Anti-British

Cambodia, Mar. 11. The opposition leader, Dr Herbert Kavvay, sought to curb Australia's import cuts at a anti-British meeting.

"They strike a heavy blow at our kinship in Britain," he said.

He thought they were a repudiation of the conference agreement that Commonwealth countries should coordinate the use of non-tariffing currencies to help sterling.

"Instead, Australia is now introducing a policy certain to cause serious permanent damage to the recovery of sterling, which suffered injury largely because the people of Britain during the great crisis of the war were compelled to sell all overseas investments to pay for munitions from overseas," he said.—Reuter.

Alcoholic Ice-Cream Bricks? 11 Times No

London, Mar. 11. Almost, yesterday, a new social habit was born. Pietro Pioli, of Tipton, Staffs, wanted to make and sell alcoholic ice-cream bricks.

He was quite clear about his intentions.

He was going to mix one part of liqueur to eight parts of ice-cream, and after four years' experiments, he had found a way of using cherry brandy, Drambuie, creme de menthe, Benedictine, apricot, brandy, and rum in bricks that would keep.

He was not going to have tipsy boy, demanding one more for the road; he wanted, mainly, to supply the product to banquets and similar functions and to licensed premises.

To work this retail plan he needed a wine and spirit licence for his dairy. But when his solicitor Mr Frank Cooper applied for one at Tipton yesterday, the opposition was formidable.

Ready to say "No" were clergymen representing 18 churches and chapels, three brewery spokesmen, a grocer with an off-license and a temperance society chief.

Mr Cooper, unquelled, told the 11 magistrates that Pietro Pioli's firm, Morcrean Products, Ltd., wanted a licence for quantities less than two gallons, or enough for 200 people at a time.

"Do not let us be hypocritical about this," said Mr Cooper. "We have all been to banquets and eaten sherry trifle and alcoholic sauces."

"This is entirely a new product, and we should be allowed to progress with the times and maintain our reputation."

RAILWAYS' REQUEST

Mr Cooper said that among those who had made requests for the product was British Railways.

Then came the opposition.

The Rev. A. T. Skryme, of the Park Lane Methodist Circuit in Tipton, said that spiritual, moral and social issues were involved.

"The ultimate object," declared Mr Skryme, "is to make an innocent sweetment potentially dangerous. We, the clergy, regard this application as an insidious attack on the social and moral habits of young people."

The Rev. T. Thompson, for the Boys' Brigade, said there was a danger that young people might get a taste for the flavour and consequently for alcohol.

OF ONE MIND

Mr Cooper rose to say that the alcoholic ice-cream would not be offered for sale where there was a danger of young people eating it.

It was no use. The 11 magistrates were of one mind, and the chairman, Mr W. H. Powis said: "There is no case to warrant such a licence."

Mr John Ploof, brother of Pietro and a director of the firm, said later: "Such a pity. Boys could not have bought an alcoholic corner, but father could have visited the dairy and bought a big family carton."

This, containing a pint, would have cost between 6s. and 8s. against 1s. 6d. for a "tetenal" pack of similar size.

"We would also have sold smaller bricks in cartons for 3s. or 4s., compared with 6d. for the plain ice-cream."—London Express Service.



Mme. de Terwangne, fashionable Parisienne, models this striking cariwheel hat by Rose Valois. Like so many smart women today, Mme. de Terwangne is most enthusiastic about the latest fashion of rose-tinting the gums. She knows how this makes the teeth look even whiter, by contrast, and the smile so much more alluring.

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CHUCKLES, BOY AND DOING WELL



First picture of Chuckles, the East African white-footed bushbaby born at the London Zoo.

West African bushbabies are occasionally born at the Zoo, but this is the first of the rare East African type to be bred there.

At birth, Chuckles weighed only an ounce. Now, when his

London Express Service.

Japanese Sue Govt.

Tokyo, Mar. 12. Two Japanese announced today that they had filed suits against the Japanese Government for denying them passports to go to Moscow.

They are former members of the Upper House, Kei Hoashi, and a member of the leading opposition "Progressives" party, Kisuke Miyagoshi.

They are the passport office of the Foreign Ministry as "disregarding fundamental human rights."

A Foreign Office spokesman, confirming the passport rejection, pointed out to Reuter that the government policy, announced in the Diet, laid down that no Japanese would be allowed to travel to Russia at the present time.

The government had stated that it was not at present able to guarantee the safe return of its duty, Li Wah-huen, 73, native of Shantung, was sentenced to three months by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

The two applicants are among more than 20 Japanese invited by the Soviet Government to attend an economic conference scheduled to start in Moscow on April 3.

The Soviet Government and agreed to pay all expenses and a passage ship is at present waiting at a Japanese west coast port to take the guests to Siberia to start their overland journey to Moscow.—Reuter.

Criminal Wounded In Gun Battle

Montreal, Mar. 11. Leonard Jackson, one of Canada's most notorious criminals, was wounded by the police tonight after a gun battle at the rooming house where he was trapped.

"This, containing a pint, would have cost between 6s. and 8s. against 1s. 6d. for a 'tetenal' pack of similar size.

"We would also have sold smaller bricks in cartons for 3s. or 4s., compared with 6d. for the plain ice-cream."—London Express Service.

Here Is A Book For Local Gardening Enthusiasts

People often find that books on gardens published in England are not very helpful out here. The seasons do not tally; flowers in those beautifully planned borders illustrated on the coloured pages simply will not grow.

But "Adam the Gardener" gets down to earth.

In over a hundred and fifty pages by Cyril Cowell and Morley Adams, published by the Sunday Express which advertises the booklet as "A Practical Guide to each week's work," it is shown that though the weeks may not correspond with the growing seasons of our flora, one may cultivate vegetables and many of the flowers, while the problems of soil, pests, grafting, pruning and fertilising face gardeners anywhere in the world.

Besides all this being illustrated in very eloquent pictures with a few words of explanation, there is at the beginning a glossary of simple gardening terms, a page of garden gadgets, a diagram showing colour harmony, a list of "Dos" and one of "Don'ts" as well as the more usual things like planning new gardens. Three tips from Adam come just before the index. Each would be most useful anywhere in Hongkong.

Such a book might even

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There are three possibilities:

Mr F G S P W D
Mr G D G P Q G W
Mr D W P G P G D
Mr P F Q F G W
Mr W F P F D F

But it is ruled out by the fact that Mr S speaks Q P and D P. Hence 1 is untrue. Mr G speaks D P: Mr W speaks F S and D
Mr P also speaks French and Welsh.—London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers

1. Hoister. 2. Part of Greece, south of the Isthmus of Corinth. 3. (D.) 4. The weight of an atom or a chemical element. 5. The nightingale.

Allegations Of Cruelty Against School Principals

London, Mar. 11.

Two schoolgirls went into a witness-box today to tell what they saw happening at a co-educational boarding school — where, it is alleged, a clergyman and his wife, joint principals of the school, caused unnecessary suffering to seven children in their care.

The girls said that one boy of 16 was tied by the hands and feet as a punishment because he had stolen some orange squash. The father of this boy, and the father of a boy of 14, said to have been made to sleep in a locked outhouse, both told the Wimborne magistrates that they had no complaints about the school.

In the dock — a fireplace alcove in the oak-beamed courthouse — are the Rev. Percy Edward Wallbridge, formerly a Congregational minister, and China missionary, and his wife, Mrs. Vera Wallbridge, who run a 63-a-term Farney Close School, Lytchett Minster.

The magistrates requested that the children in the case should not be named or identified, and the court was cleared when the two girls — both dressed in the school's grey-and-red uniform — gave evidence.

The first girl, aged 14, said that she saw a boy in the school hall with his hands tied behind his back and roped to his feet. He was on his knees and some of the children were laughing at him.

Mr S. T. Molony, defending, asked: Somebody tied his hands as a punishment to teach him to keep his hands off other people's property — that was the idea, whether it was a good one or not? The girl replied: "I should think so."

The chairman (Mr O. B. P. Burdon): When you saw the boy tied up, did he appear very distressed about it?

Mr Gell said he returned two hours later to take the boy away. He told Mr and Mrs Wallbridge what he found, and Mrs Wallbridge said the boy was difficult — but she had an explanation.

Mr Molony: Did your county council try to close this school by writing to the parents?

Yes, we tried to prevent the children going back.

And is it true the Dorset County Council is being sued for damages as a result of your interference at the school in December? — Yes.

The order for removal of the boy was quashed on appeal at the quarter-sessions?

Yes.

'A GREAT RISK'

Dr Arthur Turner, of Weymouth, went to the school with Mr Gell, said: "There was an imprint of the wire mesh on the boy's back four hours later. I have never seen a child so poorly protected underneath. There was a great risk of pneumonia."

The father of the boy said he was more than satisfied at his son's improvement in his three years at the school.

"He always throws pyjamas on the floor and gets back to bed with nothing on," said the father.

"He often tears the blankets,

and we lock him in his room at nights. He's a menace. Once he set fire to a chair."

"The boy has always been a handful, but he used to ask to go back to Farney Close before his holidays were over."

JUNK'S SECRET COMPARTMENTS

A fine of \$50 was imposed on Kwok Mau, 37, master of trading junk T322H, by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for fitting two secret compartments to his craft.

Intercepted off Stonecutters Island while en route to Aberdeen yesterday, the Police found the compartments at each end of the middle hold. Defendant said the compartments were there when he bought the junk recently.

"Mrs Wallbridge has had a constructive policy regarding the boy, and hers is the first school which has done him any good."

"The boy cannot speak too highly of the school. I have visited it, and find the general atmosphere attractive. All the children appear to be happy."

'UNREASONABLE'

In an opening statement, Mr Henry Elam, prosecuting, said there were 67 boys and 45 girls at the school at the time the alleged offences took place. Some of them were mentally retarded.

Mr Elam said that the seven children who, he alleged, had been ill-treated had all done something wrong. But he submitted that "the punishment went right outside reasonable and legitimate punishment."

He added that it was fair to say that 60-year-old Mr Wallbridge was not there when the alleged incidents happened, but was brought into the case as a joint principal.

When the court came to consider the case of the boy in the outhouse, the prosecution put Mr Gilbert Gell, children's officer for Dorset, into the witness box.

He said that last December he went to the school at 9 p.m. with a doctor, and two police officers.

'HE WAS GONE'

Mr Gell went on: "In a long narrow, passage-like room with no lights and a stone floor, we found a folding iron bed in a corner. Half, covering the wire mesh, was a single thickness of blanket. There was no mattress and no pillow.

Living Language

Why we say To cut the Gordian knot.

This is sometimes shortened to "cutting the knot" and refers to the historical knot of leather with which the King of Phrygia tied the pole of his chariot to the yoke. He declared that whoever undid it would become master of Asia. Alexander the Great cut the knot with his sword and went on to conquer Asia. The phrase is used to describe a quick and easy way out of a difficulty.

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Macao, 12.30 p.m.; S. Korea, 1 p.m.; Indo-China, 5 p.m.; Viet Nam, 6 p.m.; Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.

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Macao, 12.30 p.m.; C.P.A., 1 p.m.; Indo-China, 5 p.m.; Viet Nam, 6 p.m.; Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m.